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Mr. Bruce C. Barrett, Projects Manager  
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Dear Mr. Barrett:

We appreciate your efforts in providing comments to our proposed distribution plan for the Utah Lake drainage basin. The Bureau of Reclamation has a number of projects which we realize could be affected by this distribution plan. However, we are committed to work with you to ensure that your concerns are addressed. Following is our response to the comments which you submitted:

We realize that the proposal set forth in Section 6.0 concerning the future administration of exchange applications is of great concern to the Bureau. The exchange application for the municipal and industrial system of the Bonneville Unit was approved in 1985. Since that time there have been a number of restrictions imposed upon the delivery of water from Strawberry Reservoir to Utah Lake or modifications in the project plan. In an attempt to better understand your current plans and operating criteria, we are recommending that you submit to this office any data and information that would help us understand how you propose to operate the proposed exchange of water between Strawberry Reservoir and Jordanelle Reservoir. In providing such data, we would

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recommend that you address the issue of why a concurrent diversion and/or release should not be required. For your information we have made the same request of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

When the Jordanelle Reservoir comes on-line it will complicate the approach used to distribute the water on Provo River system, especially Heber Valley. The State Engineer proposed the regulation pool in Jordanelle Reservoir for the purpose of assisting the Provo River commissioner in his responsibility of ensuring the equitable distribution of water, according to the respective water rights. We agree that some guidelines are needed to ensure that the regulation pool is operated properly and no disagreement arise. To facilitate this effort I am enclosing a draft of the proposed guidelines for the operation of the regulation pool in Jordanelle Reservoir for your review and consideration. This is a rough draft and is our first attempt to put our thoughts and ideas on paper. We realize that the reservoir and related facilities are for project purposes. However, the State Engineer believes that there are opportunities to utilize this facility to assist in distributing the water on the Provo River system without adversely affecting the project.

Thank you for your continued interest and input in helping us to finalize the distribution plan for the Utah Lake drainage basin.

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We will keep you apprised of any future developments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure